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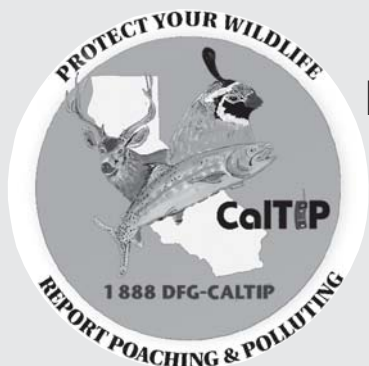
THIS IS A SUPPLEMENT

This supplement updates the Klamath-Trinity River regulations and any other regulations that have changed since the publication of the 2004 Freshwater and Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklets.

This supplement does NOT contain the complete set of regulations contained in the Freshwater and Ocean Sport Fishing Regulation booklets, so please retain your original copy.

***CORRECTION to 7.00. District General Regulations,
originally printed in 2004 Freshwater Fishing
Regulations booklet:***

Unless otherwise provided, waters shown as open to trout and salmon fishing in subsections (a) through (g) below, are open to fishing for other species. Every body of water listed in subsections (a) through (g) of Section 7.00 (below) is closed to all fishing except during the open season as shown. Unless otherwise provided, waters closed to trout and salmon fishing are closed to fishing for all other species, except that these closures do not apply to fishing using fishing methods other than hook-and-line fishing which are allowed for bullfrogs (see Section 5.05) freshwater clams (see Section 5.20) crayfish (see Section 5.35), and lamprey (see Section 5.40). Daily bag and possession limits, unless otherwise provided, mean the total number of trout and salmon in combination. Unless otherwise provided, no more than one daily bag limit may be possessed. Silver (coho) salmon may not be taken in any of the waters of the State, **except in Lake Oroville**. Incidentally hooked Silver (coho) salmon, **except those in Lake Oroville**, must be immediately released unharmed to the waters where they are hooked. In waters where the bag limit for trout or salmon is zero, fish for which the bag limit is zero must be released unharmed, and should not be removed from the water.



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Subsection 7.50(b)(91.1)

Anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Below Iron Gate Dam (Lower Klamath River Basin).

The regulations in this subsection apply only to waters of the Klamath River system which are accessible to anadromous salmonids. They do not apply to waters of the Klamath River which are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, for example, portions of the Klamath River system upstream from Iron Gate Dam, portions of the Trinity River system above Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries above Dwinnel Dam. Fishing in these waters is governed by the General Regulations for non-anadromous waters of the North Coast District (see Section 7.00(a)(5)).

(A) Hook and Weight Restrictions:

1. Only barbless hooks may be used.
2. Definition of Gap: For the purposes of this section, "gap" means the distance measured from the point of a hook to the shank.

3. Definition of Shank: For the purposes of this section, "shank" is measured from the hook eye to the point opposite the point.

4. Maximum Gaps and Gear Rigging.

a. No person shall use any multiple hook with a gap greater than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or any hook with a shank longer than 2 inches.

b. It is unlawful to use any hook which is directly or indirectly attached closer than 18 inches to any weight exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

c. It is unlawful to use any multiple hook or more than one single hook on non-buoyant lures exceeding one ounce.

d. It is unlawful to use any weight attached below a hook.

5. During closures to the take of adult salmon, anglers shall not remove any adult king salmon from the water by any means, such as by dragging the fish on shore or using a net.

(B) General Area Closures:

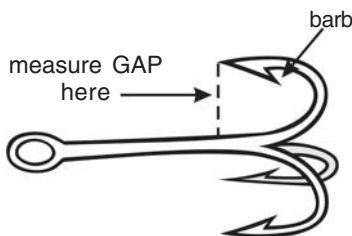
1. No fishing is allowed within 750 feet of any Department of Fish and Game fish-counting weir.

2. No fishing is allowed from the Ishi Pishi Falls road bridge upstream to and including Ishi Pishi Falls from Aug. 15 through Nov. 1. Exception: members of the Karuk Indian Tribe listed on the current Karuk Tribal Roll may fish at Ishi Pishi Falls using hand-held dip nets.

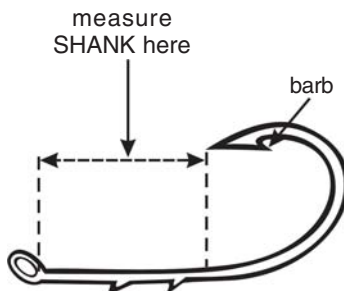
3. No fishing is allowed from Sept. 15 through Nov. 15 in the Klamath River within 500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, the Shasta and the Scott rivers.

(C) Lower Klamath River Basin King Salmon Impact Quotas: NOTE: The

Lower Klamath River Basin Chinook salmon take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest each year is closely coordinated during the period from August 1 through November 30. The term "impact quota" is the recreational catch of adult fall-run king salmon, plus the estimated number of adult fall-run king salmon lost as a result of hook-and-release mortality.



Multiple hook: a hook with more than one point on a common shaft.



1. Quota for Entire Basin: The 2004 Klamath River basin quota is **4,700** king salmon over 22 inches total length. Separate quotas have been established from the mouth of the Klamath River to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec and from the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec upstream to Iron Gate Dam, including the Trinity River from its confluence with the Klamath upstream to the Old Lewiston Bridge. The restrictions triggered by quotas apply only during the period from August 1 through November 30. The department shall inform the commission, and the public via the news media, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by the quotas. (NOTE: A Department status report on progress toward the quotas for the various river sections is updated weekly, and available at 1-800-564-6479.)

a. Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth): This area is closed to all fishing after 15% of the Klamath River basin impact quota has been taken below the Highway 101 bridge. (Note: This provision only applies if the Department projects that the total Klamath River basin impact quota will be met.) In 2004, this number is **705**.

b. Klamath River Below the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec: No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the basin impact quota has been taken below the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.

c. Klamath River from Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec:

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from April 1 through July 31.

(ii) No person shall retain any salmon over 22 inches total length after the Department determines that 17% of the Klamath River basin impact quota has been taken in the Klamath River from Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec. **Exception:** King salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to

the Interstate 5 bridge when the Department determines that the adult fall-run king salmon spawning escapement at Iron Gate Hatchery exceeds 8,000 fish.

d. Trinity River from the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West Bridge at Cedar Flat:

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the basin quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin above **the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec**. **Exception:** King salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from the Old Lewiston Bridge to the mouth of Indian Creek when the Department determines that the adult fall-run king salmon spawning escapement at Trinity River Hatchery exceeds 4,800 fish.

e. Trinity River main stem from the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat downstream to the Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny):

(i) Closed to all fishing from September 1 through November 30.

(ii) No Salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from the South Fork Trinity River downstream to the confluence with the Klamath River from April 1 through the Friday preceding Memorial Day.

f. Trinity River from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) down-stream to the mouth of the Trinity:

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the basin quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin above the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.

(D) Klamath River Basin General Seasons and Bag and Possession limits:

In anadromous waters of the Klamath River basin, except for those with special bag limits provided in subsection (b)(91.1)(F) below, the daily trout/salmon bag limit is 3 king salmon, but no more than 1 king salmon over 22 inches total length, and 1 hatchery trout or 1 brown trout or 1 hatchery steelhead**. No more than 4 king salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained in any 7

IMPORTANT REMINDER

1.74. Salmon Punch Card and Steelhead Trout Catch Report Card requirements.

(a) Anglers must have a nontransferable punch card issued by the department in their possession while fishing for salmon in ocean waters north of Horse Mountain or in waters of the Klamath River system. Anglers must immediately upon taking and retaining an adult salmon over 20 inches total length in ocean waters, and over 22 inches total length in the river system, make a hole in the punch card in one of the designated locations and record the month, day, area of catch and species of salmon in the spaces provided adjacent to the punch.

A punch card shall be valid for the calendar year. No person may purchase or possess more than one punch card or any punch card other than his own. Upon purchase of the punch card, the card number shall be entered in ink on the back of the angler's sport fishing license. The sport fishing license number shall be entered on the punch card in the appropriate box.

Anglers must return punch cards to the department within 30 days of the close of the calendar year. The Department may charge a fee for each punch card issued to defray printing and related administrative costs. The amount of said fee shall be \$1.05 as adjusted pursuant to sections 713 and 1055 of the Fish and Game Code.

(b) Anglers must have a nontransferable Steelhead Trout Catch Report-Restoration Card issued by the Department in their possession while fishing for steelhead trout in anadromous waters (see Section 1.04 for definition of anadromous waters). For purposes of this regulation, a steelhead trout is defined as any rainbow trout greater than 16 inches in length found in anadromous waters. Anglers must immediately record, with a ball-point pen, the month, day, catch area, number of steelhead caught and kept, and number of steelhead caught and released whenever the cardholder finishes fishing for the day, moves to another river or stream, or retains a steelhead trout. Month, day and location must be recorded **EVEN IF NO STEELHEAD WERE CAUGHT.**

A report-restoration card shall be valid for the calendar year. When the card becomes completely filled in, a person may purchase another card.

**Anglers must return their card by Jan. 31 of the following year to:
CA Department of Fish and Game, NAFWB - Steelhead Report Card,
P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090**



Revenue received from the sale of the cards may only be expended to monitor, restore, or enhance steelhead trout resources and to administer the report-restoration-card program.

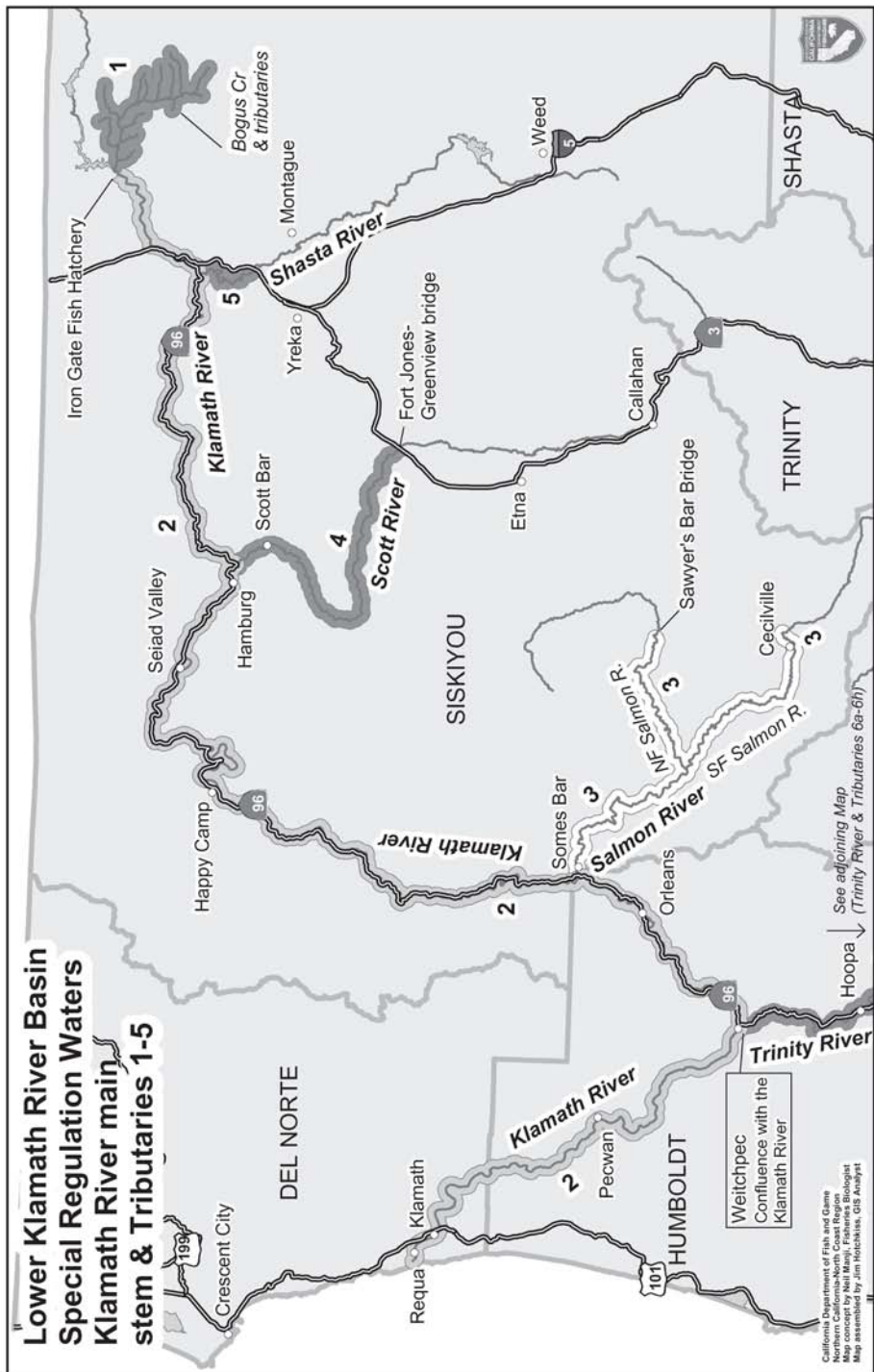
consecutive days. No more than 12 king salmon may be possessed, of which no more than 4 may be over 22 inches total length. (Note: Salmon bag limits change in some areas when quotas are reached (see subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above).)

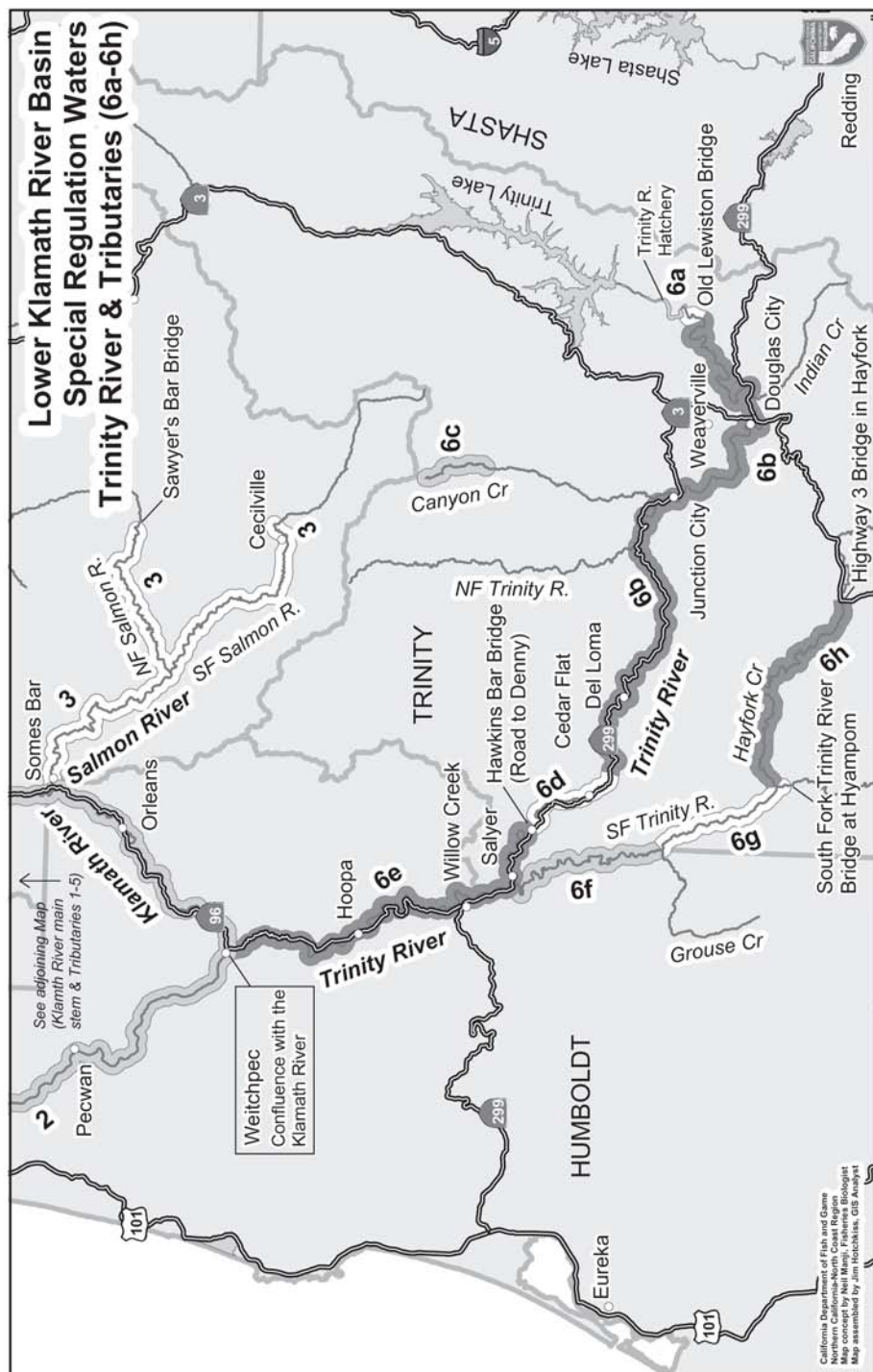
(E) All anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing all year, except those listed in subsection (b)(91.1)(F) below.

(F) Special Seasons. Daily Bag Limits, and Special Fishing Methods Restrictions for Waters of the Lower Klamath River Basin Which Have Open Fishing Seasons [see table on pages 6-7]. Waters listed below are closed to all fishing except during the open seasons listed. Bag limits are for trout and salmon in combination unless otherwise specified.

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>
1. Bogus Creek and tributaries	Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.
2. Klamath River main stem from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to mouth.	All year.
3. Salmon River main stem, main stem of North Fork, below Sawyer's Bar Bridge and main stem of South Fork below the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork.	Nov. 1 through Feb. 28.
4. Scott River main stem from mouth to Fort Jones-Greenville bridge.	Fourth Saturday in May through Feb. 28.
5. Shasta River main stem from Interstate 5 bridge north of Yreka to the mouth.	Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31 and Nov. 16 through Feb. 28.
6. Trinity River and tributaries.	
a. Trinity River main stem from 250 feet below Lewiston Dam to Old Lewiston bridge.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Sept. 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.
b. Trinity River main stem from Old Lewiston bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat.	All Year.
c. Canyon Creek above the falls located about four miles above the wilderness area boundary.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15.
d. Trinity River main stem from the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat downstream to the Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny).	Dec. 1 through Aug. 31
e. New River main stem from the mouth upstream to the confluence of the East Fork.	Sept. 15 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.
f. Trinity River main stem from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) to the confluence with the Klamath River.	All Year.
g. Trinity River South Fork downstream from the mouth of Grouse Creek.	Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31.
h. Trinity River South Fork from the mouth of Grouse Creek to the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.
i. Hayfork Creek main stem, from Highway 3 bridge in Hayfork downstream to the mouth.	Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.

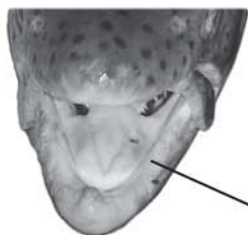
Daily Bag Limit (if different from general bag limits in subsection (b)(91.1)(D) above)	
0	<p>**Hatchery trout or steelhead are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent).</p> <p>Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released.</p> <p>Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip.</p> <p>Hatchery steelhead missing adipose fin with healed scar</p>  <p>Wild steelhead with intact adipose fin</p> 
Salmon Quota Area. See subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above.	
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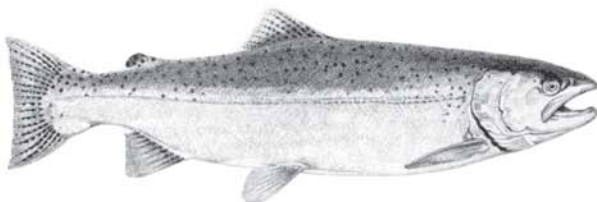


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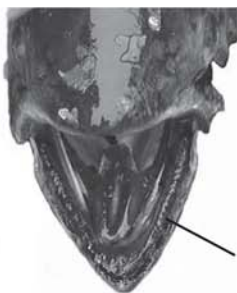
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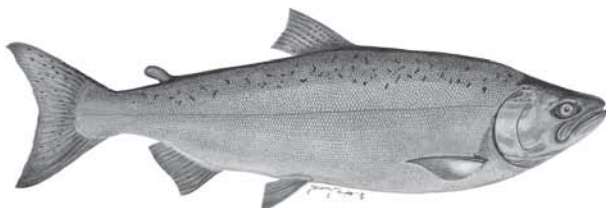
White gums and tongue



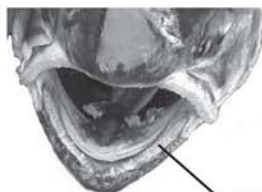
Chinook Salmon



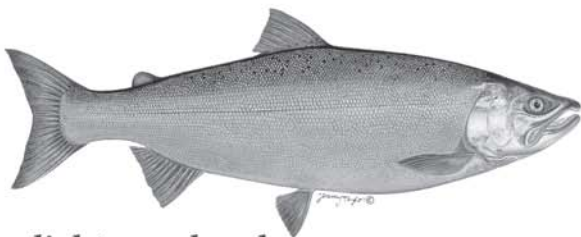
Base of teeth all black



Coho Salmon



Narrow light-gray band
at base of bottom teeth



Updates to Recreational Ocean Fishing Regulations for 2004
These regulations replace the regulations printed in the
2004 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulation booklet

27.80, Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

27.80. Salmon.

(a) Methods of take:

(1) General Provisions. Only by angling as defined in Section 1.05. No sinkers or weights exceeding four pounds may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line and the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked. See Sections 1.74, 28.65 and 28.70.

(2) Barbless Hooks. No more than two (2) single point, single shank barbless hooks shall be used in the ocean north of Point Conception (34°27'00" N. lat.) when salmon fishing or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

(3) Other Hook Restrictions. When fishing with bait in the ocean between Horse Mountain (40°05'00" N. lat.) and Point Conception, if angling by any other means than trolling, then no more than two (2) single point, single shank, barbless circle hooks shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook, and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied). A circle hook is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape, and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90 degree angle. Trolling is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions. See Section 28.65(g).

(4) One Rod Restriction north of Point Conception. Salmon may be taken by angling with no more than one rod in ocean waters north of Point Conception. See Section 28.65(e).

(b) Season:

(1) South of Pigeon Point (37°11'00" N. lat.). All waters of the ocean south of Pigeon Point are open to salmon fishing from April 3, 2004 through October 3, 2004 (Note: In 2005, the season will open April 2, the Saturday after April 1).

(2) Between Point Arena (38°57'30" N. lat.) and Pigeon Point. All waters of the ocean between Point Arena and Pigeon Point are open to fishing from April 17, 2004 through November 14, 2004 (Note: In 2005, the season will open April 2, the Saturday after April 1).

(3) Between Horse Mountain and Point Arena. All waters of the ocean between Horse Mountain and Point Arena are open to salmon fishing from February 14, 2004, the Saturday nearest February 15, through November 14, 2004, the Sunday nearest November 15 (Note: In 2005, the season will open February 12, the Saturday nearest February 15).

(4) North of Horse Mountain and Humboldt Bay. All waters of the ocean north of Horse Mountain and Humboldt Bay are open to salmon fishing from May 15, 2004 through September 12, 2004 (Note: In 2005, the season will be decided in April by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and California Fish and Game Commission and the section will be amended pursuant to the regulatory process).

Exception: The ocean area surrounding the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River

mouth), on the south by 41°26'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth), and extending 3 nautical miles offshore is closed to salmon fishing between August 1 and August 31. No salmon may be taken at any time in ocean waters at the mouths of the Smith and Klamath rivers and during August and September at the mouth of the Eel River. See Section 27.75.

(c) Limit:

(1) Two salmon per day. See sub-section (c)(2) below and Section 1.17.

(2) Statewide Silver (coho) Salmon Restrictions: No silver (coho) salmon may be retained.

(d) Minimum size:

(1) North of Horse Mountain: Twenty inches total length.

(2) South of Horse Mountain: Twenty-four inches total length through April 30 and twenty inches total length thereafter. (Note: In 2005, the season will open with a minimum size of twenty inches total length).

Amendment operative 4-22-2004

27.65(b)(3), Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

27.65. Filleting of Fish on Vessels

(b)(3) Lingcod. Lingcod fillets must be a minimum of 21 inches in length. Each fillet shall bear intact a one-inch square patch of skin.

Amendment operative 4-1-2004

Summary of Bottom Fishing Regulations for 2004

The following tables summarize current bottom fishing regulations. These tables are also available online at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/bfregs2004.html or at your local DFG office.

This table replaces the table on pg. 6 of the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet.

2004 Recreational Bottom Fishing Regulations: Northern Management Area

Ocean waters between the California-Oregon Border and 40°10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino)

Species	Time Period²	Depth Limit²	Daily Bag Limit²	Min. Size Limit^{1,2,3}
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish that are not prohibited or restricted, Cabezon, and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	Open all year	Jun-Dec: May only be taken in less than 180 ft (30 fm)	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenling and bocaccio	See individual species below
Canary, Cowcod, and Yelloweye Rockfishes	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Open all year	Same as RCG Complex above	2 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG bag limit.	10" total length

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Northern Management Area -- *continued*

Species	Time Period²	Depth Limit²	Daily Bag Limit²	Min. Size Limit^{1,2,3}
Black Rockfish	<u>Open</u> : Jun-Aug <u>Closed</u> : Sept-Dec	<u>Jun-Aug</u> : May only be taken in less than 180 ft (30 fm)	10 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	None
Cabazon	Open all year	Same as RCG Complex above	3 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp and Rock Greenlings	Open all year	Same as RCG Complex above	2 fish in combination per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	12" total length
Lingcod	<u>Open</u> : Jun-Oct <u>Closed</u> : Nov-Dec	<u>Jun-Oct</u> : May only be taken in less than 180 ft (30 fm)	1 fish per person	30" total length
Other Federal Groundfish (see list below this table, or go to www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/groundfish_fedlist.html)	Open all year	Same as RCG Complex above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Sanddabs ⁴	Open all year	No depth restrictions	No bag or possession limit	None

1 See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths

2 Subject to in-season change. Check the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your local DFG office for the latest information.

3 Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head (with the mouth closed) to the longest lobe of the tail. For a measurement graphic, go to www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/measurement.pdf, or look on page 48 of the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulation booklet.

4 The sport fishery for sanddabs, using gear specified in federal and state regulations, is exempt from the in-season closures and depth restrictions placed on other federally managed groundfish as of May 1, 2004.

This table replaces the table on pg. 7 of the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet for the area between Cape Mendocino and Lopez Point.

2004 Recreational Bottom Fishing Regulations: Central Management Area North-Central Section⁴

Ocean waters between 40°10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino) and 36°00' N. latitude (near Point Lopez, Monterey Co.)

Species	Time Period ^{3, 5}	Depth Limit ^{3, 2}	Daily Bag Limit ³	Min. Size Limit ^{1, 3, 6}
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish that are not prohibited or restricted, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	<u>Boat-based Anglers</u> ⁵ : <u>Open</u> : Aug-Oct <u>Closed</u> : Jun, Jul, Nov, Dec <u>Shore-based Anglers</u> , <u>Divers</u> ⁵ : <u>Open</u> : Jun-Dec	<u>Aug-Oct</u> : May only be taken in less than 120 feet (20 fm)	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings, and bocaccio	see individual species and groups below
Canary, Cowcod, and Yelloweye Rockfishes	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	10 " total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	3 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp and Rock Greenlings	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	2 fish in combination per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	12" total length
California Scorpionfish	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	5 fish per person	10" total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	10 fish per person	None
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	5 fish per person	12" total length

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Central Management Area, North Central Section -- *continued*

Species	Time Period ^{3, 5}	Depth Limit ^{3, 2}	Daily Bag Limit ³	Min. Size Limit ^{1, 3, 6}
Lingcod	<u>Boat-based Anglers⁵:</u> <u>Open:</u> Aug-Oct <u>Closed:</u> Jun, Jul, Nov, Dec <u>Shore-based Anglers,</u> <u>Divers⁵:</u> <u>Open:</u> Jun-Oct <u>Closed:</u> Nov, Dec	<u>Aug-Oct:</u> May only be taken in less than 120 feet (20 fm)	1 fish per person	30" total length
Other Federal Groundfish (see list below this table, or go to www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/groundfish_fedlist.html)	<u>Boat-based Anglers⁵:</u> <u>Open:</u> Aug-Oct <u>Closed:</u> Jun, Jul, Nov, Dec <u>Shore-based Anglers,</u> <u>Divers⁵:</u> Open all year	<u>Aug-Oct:</u> May only be taken in less than 120 feet (20 fm)	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Sanddabs ⁷	Open all year	No depth restrictions	No bag or possession limit	None
Leopard Shark ⁸	Outside of San Francisco Bay: <u>Boat-based Anglers⁵:</u> <u>Open:</u> Aug-Oct <u>Closed:</u> Jun, Jul, Nov, Dec <u>Shore-based Anglers,</u> <u>Divers⁵:</u> Open all year Inside San Francisco Bay: Open all year	Outside of San Francisco Bay: Same as RCG Complex above Inside San Francisco Bay: No depth restrictions	3 fish per person	36" total length

- 1 See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths
- 2 Around the Farallon Islands and Noonday Rock fishing is prohibited between the shoreline and 60 feet (10 fathoms); fishing is prohibited at Cordell Bank
- 3 Subject to in-season change. Check the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your local DFG office for the latest information.
- 4 Prior to May 1, 2004, the Central Rockfish Lingcod and Management Area included waters between 40°10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino) and 34°27' N. latitude (Point Conception). As of May 1, this area has been split into two sections, the North-Central Section and the South-Central Section, at 36°00' N. latitude, near Point Lopez in Monterey County.
- 5 The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers.
 - Boat-based anglers are fishermen that fish from boats or vessels of any size or any other type of floating object, including kayaks and float tubes.
 - Shore-based anglers are fishermen that fish from beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other manmade objects connected to the shore.
 - Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.
- 6 Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail.
See pg. 48 of the Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet for a diagram, or go to www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/measurement.pdf
- 7 The sport fishery for sanddabs, using gear specified in federal and state regulations, is exempt from the in-season closures and depth restrictions placed on other federally managed groundfish as of May 1, 2004.
- 8 The sport fishery for leopard shark inside San Francisco Bay is exempt from the in-season closures and depth restrictions placed on other federally managed groundfish as of May 1, 2004.

This table replaces the table on pg. 7 of the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet for the area between Lopez Point and Point Conception.

2004 Recreational Bottom Fishing Regulations: Central Management Area South-Central Section³

Ocean waters between 36°00' N. latitude (near Point Lopez, Monterey Co.) and 34°27' N. latitude (Point Conception, Santa Barbara Co.)

Species	Time Period ^{2, 4}	Depth Limit ²	Daily Bag Limit ²	Min. Size Limit ^{1, 2, 5}
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish that are not prohibited or restricted, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	<u>Boat-based Anglers</u> ⁴ : <u>Open</u> : Jun, Aug-Dec; <u>Closed</u> : July <u>Shore-based Anglers, Divers</u> ⁴ : <u>Open</u> : Jun-Dec	<u>Jun, Aug</u> : May only be taken in less than 180 feet (30 fm) <u>Sept-Dec</u> : May only be taken in less than 120 feet (20 fm)	10 fish in combination per person; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings, and bocaccio	see individual species and groups below
Canary, Cowcod, and Yelloweye Rockfishes	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	1 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	10 " total length
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	3 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp and Rock Greenlings	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	2 fish in combination per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	12" total length
California Scorpionfish	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	5 per person	10" total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	10 per person	none
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	5 per person	12" total length

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Central Management Area, South Central Section -- *continued*

Species	Time Period ^{2, 4}	Depth Limit ²	Daily Bag Limit ²	Min. Size Limit ^{1, 2, 5}
Lingcod	<u>Boat-based Anglers⁴:</u> <u>Open:</u> Jun, Aug-Oct <u>Closed:</u> Jul, Nov, Dec <u>Shore-based Anglers, Divers⁴:</u> <u>Open:</u> Jun-Oct <u>Closed:</u> Nov, Dec	<u>Jun, Aug:</u> May only be taken in less than 180 feet (30 fm) <u>Sept, Oct:</u> May only be taken in less than 120 feet (20 fm)	1 per person	30" total length
Other Federal Groundfish (see list below this table, or go to www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/groundfish_fedlist.html)	<u>Boat-based Anglers⁵:</u> <u>Open:</u> Jun; Aug-Dec <u>Closed:</u> Jul <u>Shore-based Anglers, Divers⁵:</u> Open all year	<u>Jun, Aug:</u> May only be taken in less than 180 feet (30 fm) <u>Sept-Dec:</u> May only be taken in less than 120 feet (20 fm)	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Sanddabs ⁶	Open all year	No depth restrictions	No bag or possession limit	none

1 See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet length

2 Subject to in-season change. Check the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, send an e-mail to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or call your local DFG office for the latest information.

3 Prior to May 1, 2004, the Central Rockfish Lingcod and Management Area included waters between 40°10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino) and 34°27' N. latitude (Point Conception). As of May 1, this area has been split into two sections, the North-Central Section and the South-Central Section, at 36°00' N. latitude, near Point Lopez in Monterey County.

4 The following definitions describe boat-based and shore-based anglers, and divers.

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- Divers are spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object.

5 Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. See pg. 48 of the Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet for a diagram, or go to www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/measurement.pdf

6 The sport fishery for sanddabs, using gear specified in federal and state regulations, is exempt from the in-season closures and depth restrictions placed on other federally managed groundfish as of May 1, 2004.

This table replaces the table on pg. 8 of the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet.
2004 Recreational Bottom Fishing Regulations: Southern Management Area
 Ocean waters between 34°27' N. latitude (Point Conception) and the U.S.-Mexico Border

Species	Time Period³	Depth Limit²	Daily Bag Limit³	Min. Size Limit^{1, 3, 4}
RCG Complex (including all species of Rockfish not prohibited or restricted, Cabezon and Greenlings as defined in Section 1.91)	<u>Open:</u> Jun-Dec	<u>Jun-Aug:</u> May only be taken in less than 360 feet (60 fathoms) <u>Sept, Oct:</u> May only be taken in less than 180 ft (30 fm) <u>Nov, Dec:</u> May only be taken in less than 360 feet (60 fathoms)	10 fish in combination; see sub-limits for cabezon, greenlings, and bocaccio,	See individual species and groups below
Canary, Cowcod, and Yelloweye Rockfishes	CLOSED all year; NO RETENTION		NO RETENTION (zero)	
Cabezon	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	3 fish; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	15" total length
Kelp and Rock Greenlings	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	2 fish in combination; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	12" total length
Bocaccio	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	1 fish; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG complex bag limit	10" total length
Ocean Whitefish	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	10 per person	None

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Southern Management Area -- *continued*

Species	Time Period³	Depth Limit²	Daily Bag Limit³	Min. Size Limit^{1, 3, 4}
California Sheephead	Same as RCG Complex above	Same as RCG Complex above	5 per person	12" total length
Lingcod	<u>Open:</u> Jun-Oct <u>Closed:</u> Nov, Dec	<u>Jun-Aug:</u> May only be taken in less than 360 feet (60 fm) <u>Sept, Oct:</u> May only be taken in less than 180 ft (30 fm)	1 per person	30" total length
California Scorpionfish	<u>Open:</u> Nov, Dec <u>Closed:</u> Jun-Oct	May only be taken in less than 360 feet (60 fm)	5 per person	10" total length
Other Federal Groundfish (see list below this table, or go to www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/groundfish_fedlist.html)	Open all year	Same as RCG Complex above	See regulations for individual species	See regulations for individual species
Sanddabs ⁵	Open all year	No depth restrictions	No bag or possession limit	None

- 1 See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths
- 2 In Cowcod Conservation Areas fishing is prohibited in waters greater than 120 feet (20 fathoms).
- 3 Subject to in-season change. Check the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd, or call your local DFG office for the latest information.
- 4 Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the head with the mouth closed to the end of the longest lobe of the tail. See pg. 48 of the Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet for a diagram, or go to www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/measurement.pdf
- 5 The sport fishery for sanddabs, using gear specified in federal and state regulations, is exempt from the in-season closures and depth restrictions placed on other federally managed groundfish as of May 1, 2004.

List of Federally Managed Groundfish That Fall Under the “Other Federal Groundfish” Category

NOTE: This is NOT a complete list of federally managed groundfish. It is a list of federally managed groundfish not specifically mentioned in the previous tables, for purposes of defining the species of fish included in the “Other Federal Groundfish” category within these tables.

SHARKS:

leopard shark, *Triakis semifasciata*
 soupfin shark, *Galeorhinus zyopterus*
 spiny dogfish, *Squalus acanthias*

SKATES:

big skate, *Raja binoculata*
 California skate, *R. inornata*
 longnose skate, *R. rhina*

RATFISH:

ratfish, *Hydrolagus colliei*

FLATFISH:

arrowtooth flounder (arrowtooth turbot), *Atheresthes stomias*
 butter sole, *Isopsetta isolepis*
 curlfin sole, *Pleuronichthys decurrens*
 Dover sole, *Microstomus pacificus*
 English sole, *Parophrys vetulus*
 flathead sole, *Hippoglossoides elassodon*

petrale sole, *Eopsetta jordani*
 rex sole, *Glyptocephalus zachirus*

rock sole, *Lepidopsetta bilineata*
 sand sole, *Psettichthys melanostictus*
 starry flounder, *Platichthys stellatus*

MORIDS:

finescale codling, *Antimora microlepis*

GRENADIERS:

Pacific rattail, *Coryphaenoides acrolepis*

ROUNDFISH:

Pacific cod, *Gadus macrocephalus*
 Pacific whiting, *Merluccius productus*
 sablefish, *Anoplopoma fimbria*

Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) is managed by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). The Department supports all rules and regulations adopted by the IPHC.



IN-SEASON CHANGES TO 2004 BOTTOM FISHING REGULATIONS

These regulations replace the regulations printed in the
2004 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulation booklet

Several in-season changes to bottom fishing regulations were enacted in April and May, 2004 to protect federally-managed groundfish (bottomfish) from potential overfishing. Section 27.82(e) describes the process the Department followed to enact these closures:

27.82. Management Areas, Seasons, Depths, Exceptions, and Fishery Closure Process Described.

(e) **Fishery closure:** When the department determines, based on the best available scientific information, that an annual harvest limit [optimum yield (OY) or harvest guideline] established in regulation by the NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service) for lingcod, rockfish, cabezon, or a subgroup of rockfish, and/or California scorpionfish, in the California recreational fishery has been exceeded or is projected to be exceeded prior to the end of the year, the department may close the recreational fishery for lingcod, rockfish, a subgroup of rockfish, and/or California scorpionfish, cabezon, greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and/or any federal groundfish as defined in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 660.302 in all or part of the Northern, Central, or Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management areas [see Section 27.82(a)], depending on the level of lingcod, rockfish, cabezon, a subgroup of rockfish, and/or California scorpionfish, catch in each area, for part or all of the balance of the calendar year.

Amendment operative 3-1-2004

Section 27.82(f) describes how the Department shall notify the federal government and the public of in-season changes to sport fishing regulations:

(f) **Notice of closure:** The department shall give the public and the National Marine Fisheries Service no less than 10 days notice of any fishery closure implemented pursuant to this section via a department news release.

News releases are posted to the Department Web site, e-mailed to constituents on the Marine Region mailing list (see second bullet below), and available in printed form at Department offices. To keep abreast of in-season regulation changes:

- Regularly check the Department's Newsroom at www.dfg.ca.gov/news/ or the Marine Region News page at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/news.html.
- Sign up for automatic e-mail notification of in-season changes at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlma/signup.html.
- Call your local Department office for the latest information before heading out on a fishing trip.

The following list of Department news releases describes in-season changes to sport fishing regulations for 2004, and includes references to further information.

March 23, 2004

News Release: For Immediate Release

Recreational Lingcod Regulations to Change April 1

Contacts: Carrie Wilson, Marine Region, (831) 649-7191

Marci Yaremko, Marine Region, (805) 568-1220

"The California Fish and Game Commission voted to take emergency action to change California state regulations governing the recreational harvest of lingcod in order to conform to new federal regulations going into effect on April 1..."

The full news release may be found online at www.dfg.ca.gov/news/news04/04032.html or at your local Department office.

Key In-Season Regulation Changes effective as of April 1 2004, per this news release:

- **Lingcod Daily Bag Limit:** one fish
- **Lingcod Minimum Size Limit:** thirty (30) inches total length (fillet length: 21 inches)
- **Lingcod Season: Northern Management Area and Southern Management**

Area: Open through Oct. 31. Closed in Nov. and Dec.

Central Management Area, North-Central Section : Open Aug. through Oct. only.

Central Management Area, South-Central Section: Closed in July, Nov. and Dec.

(This lingcod season summary has been updated, and is current as of May 19. Be sure to check depth restrictions for your area).

April 9, 2004

News Release: For Immediate Release

In-season Changes to Recreational Groundfish Rules Set for May 1

Contacts: Tom Barnes, Marine Region, (858) 546-7167

Deb Wilson-Vandenberg, Marine Region, (831) 649-2892

"Following federal action taken by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) will recommend to the Fish and Game Commission changes to the 2004 recreational fishing regulations regarding retention of black rockfish at its April 22 teleconference meeting in Sacramento...In addition, the state will take conforming action affecting California's recreational fishery for federal groundfish and some state managed species. These changes will take effect May 1, 2004. ..." *See previous tables and map for affected bottomfish species and areas. The full news release may be found online at www.dfg.ca.gov/news/news04/04035.html or at your local Department office.*

Key In-Season Regulation Changes in effect as of May 1, 2004, per this news release:

Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area:

- Fishing is allowed year-round (except for lingcod; closed Nov. and Dec.).
- Fishing is allowed only in waters less than 180 feet (30 fm).
- Black rockfish may be retained from June through Aug. only (*This black rockfish season summary has been updated, and is current as of May 19.*) There is no minimum size limit for black rockfish; bag limit: 10 fish per person; also included in the 10-fish aggregate RCG Complex bag limit.
- The sanddab sport fishery is open year-round at all depths. See federal and state regulations for gear requirements.

Central Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area, North-Central Section:

- Fishing is allowed during Aug., Sept. and Oct. only (including lingcod).
- Fishing is allowed in waters less than 120 feet (20 fm).
- The leopard shark sport fishery inside San Francisco Bay is open from May through Dec. at all depths. Outside of San Francisco Bay, follow regulations for Other Federal Groundfish (*see Central Management Area, North-Central Section table*).
- The sanddab sport fishery is open year-round in all depths. See federal and state regulations for gear requirements.
- Shore-based anglers (anglers fishing from beaches, banks piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other manmade objects connected to shore) are exempt from the May 1 regulation changes. Shore-based anglers may continue to fish under

regulations originally printed in the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet (except for lingcod; see March 23 news release for details).

- Divers (spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object) are exempt from May 1 regulation changes. Divers may continue to fish under regulations originally printed in the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet (except for lingcod; see Mar. 23 news release for details).

Central Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area, South-Central Section:

- Fishing is allowed during every month except July (except for lingcod; see below).
- From Sept. through Dec., fishing is allowed in waters less than 120 feet (20 fm).
- Lingcod may be taken in May and June, and from Aug.-Oct. only; closed July, Nov. and Dec. Total length: 30 inches, daily bag limit: one fish.
- The sanddab sport fishery is open year-round at all depths. See federal and state regulations for gear requirements.
- Shore-based anglers (anglers fishing from beaches, banks piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks, and other manmade objects connected to shore) are exempt from the May 1 regulation changes. Shore-based anglers may continue to fish under regulations originally printed in the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet (except for lingcod; see March 23 news release for details).
- Divers (spear fishermen entering the water either from the shore or from a boat or other floating object) are exempt from May 1 regulation changes. Divers may continue to fish under regulations originally printed in the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet (except for lingcod; see Mar. 23 news release for details).

Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area:

- Fishing is allowed year-round (except for California scorpionfish and lingcod; see below).
- During Sept. and Oct., fishing is allowed in waters less than 180 feet (30 fm) only.
- Cowcod Conservation Area regulations remain the same.
- California scorpionfish may not be retained from May through Oct. Minimum size limit for California scorpionfish: 10 inches total length; daily bag limit: five fish.
- Lingcod may be taken from May through Oct.; closed Nov. and Dec. Minimum total length: 30 inches. Daily bag limit: one fish.
- The sanddab sport fishery is open year-round in all depths. See federal and state regulations for gear requirements.

April 30, 2004

News Release: For Immediate Release

Recreational Bottom Fishing Bag Limits Simplified; Significant Regulation Changes Scheduled for May 1

Contacts: Carrie Wilson, Information Officer, (831) 649-7191
Ed Roberts, Marine Region, (562) 342-7199

"California's recreational anglers and divers will be glad to hear that, beginning May 1, the nearshore rockfish sub-bag limit required during 2003 and early 2004 will be abolished, the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) announced. The regulation change will eliminate the sport fishing sub-bag limits for shallow nearshore rockfish, and establish the same bag limits for rockfish, cabezon and greenlings statewide..."

The full press release may be found online at www.dfg.ca.gov/news/news04/04041.html or at your local Department office.

Key In-Season Regulation Changes in effect as of May 1, 2004, per this news release:

- **Rockfish Cabezon and Greenling (RCG) Complex regulations are in effect in the Northern Lingcod and Rockfish Management Area as of May 1.** The RCG bag limit is 10 fish in combination (including all species of rockfish that are not prohibited or restricted, cabezon, and greenlings) with the following sub-limits: bocaccio - two fish; cabezon - three fish; greenlings - two fish in combination (see 2004 Ocean Fishing regulation booklet, Sections 1.91 and 27.60(b) for more information).
- **The Shallow Nearshore Rockfish Sub-Bag Limit** (mentioned in Section 27.60(b)(2), first bullet) **has been abolished.**

May 5, 2004

News Release: For Immediate Release

Black rockfish recreational fishery to close May 16 along Northern California coast

Contacts: Connie Ryan, Marine Region, (650) 631-2536;

Carrie Wilson, Marine Region, (831) 649-7191

"On April 22, the Fish and Game Commission took emergency action to bring California's sport fishing regulations (Title 14, California Code of Regulations Sections 27.60 and 28.55) for black rockfish into conformance with recently amended federal recreational groundfish rules effective May 1. However, another permanent rulemaking dealing with the same sport fishing regulations also took effect on May 1 with the potential to confuse anglers. To give anglers time to adjust, the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) will not close the black rockfish fishery in state waters north of the 40°10' N latitude until 12:01 a.m. on May 16...The closure (no retention of black rockfish) will apply to recreational fishing for black rockfish, and will be in effect during the month of May, and from September through December in all state waters (shore to three miles) in the area known as the Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area (Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 27.82). The closure applies to all methods of take. ..."

The full press release may be found online at www.dfg.ca.gov/news/news04/04043.html or at your local Department office.

Key In-Season Regulation Changes in effect as of May 1, 2004, per this news release:

- The closure of the recreational black rockfish fishery in the Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area was postponed until May 16. This fishery will be closed in this area from May 16 through May 31, open from June 1 through August 31, and closed from September through December, 2004.

Marine Protected Areas with Overlapping Boundaries

Some of the MPAs and other protected areas listed in the tables on pgs. 31-33 of the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet have overlapping boundaries. When regulations differ between overlapping areas, the more restrictive regulations apply. It is the angler's responsibility to know all applicable MPA boundaries and regulations. For more information please contact the Department's Marine Region in Monterey at (831) 649-2870 or Los Alamitos at (562) 342-7100.

The following Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) have overlapping boundaries:

Marine Protected Area	Overlapping Area
Mendocino County	
Manchester State Park	Arena Rock Marine Natural Preserve
Sonoma County	
Salt Point State Park	Gerstle Cove Reserve*
Sonoma Coast State Beach	Bodega Marine Life Refuge*
Orange County	
Crystal Cove State Park	Irvine Coast Marine Life Refuge*
Laguna Beach Marine Life Refuge	Heisler Park Ecological Reserve*
Doheny State Beach	Doheny Beach Marine Life Refuge*

*Area with more restrictive regulations.

Note: The Mendocino County overlapping areas have identical regulations.

Erratum

In the 2004 Ocean Sport Fishing regulation booklet, the address given in **Section 29.15(h) Abalone** for the return of Abalone Permit Report Cards contains a typographical error in the zip code. The correct address for the return of Abalone Permit Report Cards is:

Department of Fish and Game
19160 S. Harbor Dr.
Fort Bragg, CA **95437-5798**